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No. 165 June 9 1954: PACIFIC LITORAL WILDCATTLING & DRILLING In Colombia's Pacific coastal area, Richmond is drilling Colombia's deepest wildcat to date, 12,854 ft. were reached as of June 8 1954. The well, Buchado 1 was spudded in on October 30 1953 - already 7 months ago.

In Peru I.P.C. is drilling Viru 5-X-1 below 1638 ft. reached as of May 31st. last. Union is drilling its fourth wildcat Faite 2, now below 250 ft. having spudded in on May 30th last. Peruvian Pacific Tabalso 10-1 well in the northern region spudded in on May 3d is drilling at 3200 ft.

Douglas offshore well DL 1 which is being tested, started flowing on May 24 but output is not appreciable. The producing horizon of this well is outside of the Lobitos property - hence under jurisdiction of Peru's new 50-50 oil law. Derrick of DL 1 is being moved to new location; the rig is being repaired. DP-1 well drilled to 5720 ft. has been suspended pending installation of a bigger rig.

Summary of Oil Drilling in Peru-Pacific Coast
Since August 1953

| No. | Operator | Well-name | Depth ft. | Spudded | Completed | Status & Results |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1. | I.P.C. | Viru 4XL | 7330 | Aug 18 1953 | Nov 6 1953 | D & A - Basement |
| 2. | | Viru 5XL | 1638 | May 22 1954 | | Drilling |
| 3. | Seacoll | Expectativa 1st | 5684 | Mar 3 1954 | Apr 3 1954 | Basement D & A |
| 4. | Union Oil | Faite 1 | 1262 | Jan 7 1954 | Jan 22 1954 | D & A Basement |
| 5. | | Piura 1 | 3500 | Apr 21 1954 | May 6 1954 | D & A Basement |
| 6. | | Faite 2 | 250 | May 30 1954 | | Drilling |
| 7. | Richmond | Inca 5 | 5994 | Nov 12 1953 | Feb 13 1954 | Penna. Slate D & A |
| 8. | | Minchales | 5792 | Mar 16 1954 | Apr 2 1954 | D & A Basement |

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| No. | Operator | Well-name | Depth Ft. | Spudded | Completed | Status & Results |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| <u>North of Sechura</u> | | | | | | |
| 9. | Peruvian Pacific | Tablazo 12-1 | 5562 | Feb 10 1954 | Apr 15 1954 | D & A Lower Eocene |
| 10. | | Tablazo 10-1 | 3200 | May 3 1954 | | Drilling |
| <u>Offshore Wells</u> | | | | | | |
| 11. | Douglas | M-1 | 7027 | Nov 16 1953 | May 24 1954 | Testing |
| 12. | | DP-1 | 5720 | Jan 28 1954 | | Suspended-May 1954 |
| <u>Colombian Choco-Pacific Area</u> | | | | | | |
| 13. | Richmond | Ruchado 1 | 12,854 | Oct 30 1953 | | Drilling |

PERU - OIL IN PERU: A booklet entitled - Oil In Peru - Its Occurrence - Shows & Salt Deposits - in Spanish has just been issued by the Ministerio de Fomento, Direccion de Petroleo. This publication of Manuel A. Clavero, brings up to date the literature on oil in Peru, started in 1932 with the "General Historical Geology of Petroleum" by Dr. G. Petersen. A map shows the location of known seepages, wells, refineries and salt deposits. On pp. 60 to 64 appears a comprehensive bibliography.

COLOMBIA - PUBLICATION: No. 41 issue of the local oil magazine REVISTA DEL PETROLEO was issued during the week. Another Bogota magazine INDUSTRIA COLOMBIANA in its Nos. 4 & 5 issues of April-May 1954 Colombia's oil industry is the theme. Features: Barranca refinery being built by Foster Wheeler to be put on stream by Aug. 15 next. Colombia's tax set up and the oil industry - fully described with statistics on same. Colombia's official oil enterprise and its labor policy. A price list of all the oil products of Interoil's refinery at Barranca for April 1954 is published. Address of magazine: Carrera 5a. No. 15-11, Bogota - \$5 annually, subscription.

OIL WELL & FIELD REPORTS - VENEZUELA & COLOMBIA: A new publication giving individual well status for Venezuela and Colombia and by operators and fields is being issued by this office. Request sample copy. Weekly.

VENEZUELA - DRILLING: Atlantic's Orito-2 now at 7354 ft. in the Oritupano lots of Monagas may result in a further eastern extension of the Oficina trend - for Varco and Texas. --- Greole has a wildcat scheduled for this same acreage. --- Mene Grande has abandoned Adives-1 drilled to 6579 ft. in the Adjuntas acreage of S.E. Oficina but completed successfully Muecas-1 drilled to 10,206 ft. and Calco Seco drilled to 7408 ft. --- both dual completions. Shell has abandoned Brusun-1 drilled to 7003 - Eastern Venes. --- Texas has re-completed Raban-3 drilled to 9996 ft. - deepened into basement from the Cretaceous limestone and will attempt to turn same trick on Raban-2 now at 9087 ft. a dud as a Cretaceous well. --- Texas Tuara 1 is drilling at 12,007 ft.

VENEZUELA-PANTEPEC ACTIVE: Pantepec had a big year in 1953 - paid its fourth dividend - 33¢/share. El Noble drilling accounted for 5 new wells + 1 recompletion, increased oil output from 3,147,940 in 1952 to 3,473,493 in 1953.

As of May 29 1954 - Rigs Active in Venezuela

| Operator: | Manex | Greole | Shell | Texas | Varco | Philas | Sony | Scolar | Richd | Pantepec | Total |
|------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|----------|----------|
| Eastern V. | 28 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 60 |
| Western V. | 1 | 2 | 25 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 39 |
| Sub-total | 29 | 13 | 27 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 99 rigs |
| Workover | | 8 | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 19 |
| Cleanouts | | | | | | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Repair | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| Total | 29 | 21 | 27 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 122 rigs |

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|------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Year 1953: | 1,764,988 B/D | Mar. 1954: | 1,871,971 B/D | Week ending: | |
| Jan. 1954: | 1,909,441 B/D | Feb. 1954: | 1,907,889 B/D | May 3: | 1,822,333 B/D |
| | | | | 10: | 1,870,309 B/D |
| | | | | 17: | 1,877,908 B/D |
| | | | | 24: | 1,864,611 B/D |
| Authority: | Rigs active - Company reports | | | | |
| | Oil Output - Official Ministry data | | | | |

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Oil Output B/D</u> | <u>Wells Sand.</u> | <u>Wells Corrid.</u> | <u>Wells Abnd.</u> | <u>Wells Producing</u> | <u>Wells Shut-in</u> | <u>Meters Drilled</u> | <u>Footage Drilled</u> | <u>Rigs Active</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Yr 1953 | 1,764,988 | 987 | 802 | 156 | 8961 | 2723 | 1,841,222 | 6,041,049 | 99 |
| Jan 54 | 1,909,441 | 77 | 47 | 21 | 8628 | 3083 | 141,139 | 463,241 | 105 |
| Feb 54 | 1,907,829 | 56 | 40 | 16 | 8847 | 3096 | 126,592 | 415,348 | 100 |
| Mar 54 | 1,871,971 | 78 | 57 | 16 | 8645 | 3099 | 158,445 | 519,858 | 98 |

| <u>Producing Wells</u> | | | | <u>Producers - Shut-in</u> | | | | <u>Total Wells</u> | <u>Abnd.</u> | <u>Pend.</u> | <u>Total Wells</u> |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Flow</u> | <u>G/A</u> | <u>Pump</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Flow</u> | <u>G/A</u> | <u>Pump</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Producers</u> | <u>Wells</u> | <u>Abndt.</u> | <u>Drilled-Venezuela</u> |
| 2719 | 746 | 5190 | 8645 | 1306 | 355 | 1438 | 3099 | 11,744 | 2284 | 717 | 14,745 wells |

G/A - Gas or Air Lift

| Operator: | <u>Intercol</u> | <u>Shell</u> | <u>Texas</u> | <u>Ames</u> | <u>Colnet</u> | <u>Richmond</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Rigs active: | 4 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 23 rigs |
| Weekly footage: | 6651 ft. | 407 ft. | 3991 ft. | 2631 ft. | 7209 ft. | 821 ft. | 21,710 ft. |

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Crude Oil Output</u> | <u>E/D</u> | <u>Wells</u> | <u>Footage</u> | <u>Rigs</u> | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|--------|---------|-----|
| <u>Crude + Condensate</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Sounded</u> | <u>Completed</u> | <u>Producing</u> | <u>Drilled</u> | | | |
| 1953 | 108,029 | 2399 | 110,428 | 152 | 153 | 1644 + | 769,376 | 21+ |
| 1954 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 113,771 | 2946 | 116,357 | 9 | 13 | 1677 | 36,154 | 21 |
| Feb | 114,477 | 3535 | 118,012 | 8 | 6 | 1692 | 56,523 | 19 |
| Mar | 113,549 | 3439 | 117,038 | 8 | 8 | 1704 | 41,686 | 22 |
| Apr | 113,601 | 3224 | 116,825 | 4 | 4 | 1706 | 51,877 | 19 |

| March 1 1954 | | Type & Location of Drilling in Venezuela | | | | | March 17 1954 | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|-------|-------|----------|--------|---------------------|--|
| Geographic Area | Drilling 3/3/54 | Spudded | Wkvr. | Susp. | Compltd. | Aband. | Drilling 3/17/54 | |
| West (Maracaibo) | 41 | 5 | - | - | 9 | 1 | 39 | |
| East Maracayona | 54 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 7 | 53 | |
| East Maturin | 4 | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | 6 | |
| East Caracas | 2 | = | = | = | = | = | 2 | |
| Total Wells | 101 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 100 | |
| <u>Type of Drilling</u> | | | | | | | | |
| Exploitation | 29 | 10 | | | 10 | 1 | 28 | |
| Semi-Exploration | 44 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 10 | - | 41 | |
| Exploration | 28 | 14 | = | = | 4 | 7 | 31 | |
| Total as above: | 101 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 100 | |

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